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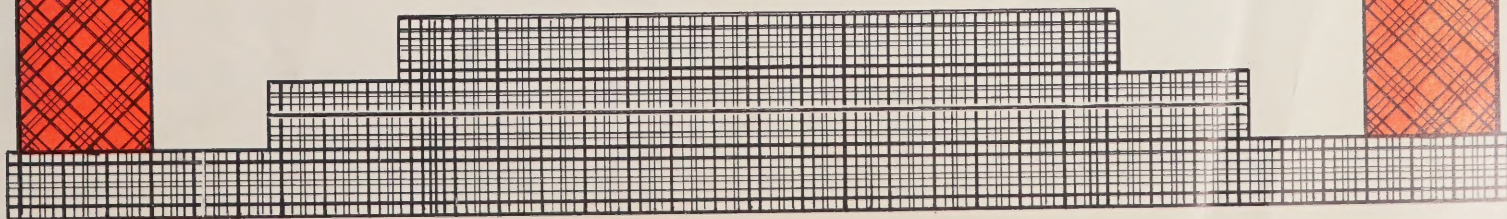
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SECRETARY'S PAGE

The Christmas Open House in our Temple was one of the most beautiful affairs imaginable. From 3:00 until 6:00 o'clock in the evening of December 18th several hundred people poured through and enjoyed the beautiful Christmas decorations, to say nothing of the period of cordial fellowship enjoyed as they mingled together in the beautifully decorated C. A. Seifert Banquet Hall. The Temple was decorated once again with both the religious and the festive theme of Christmas carried out on separate floors. The first floor was decorated with the religious theme, the central feature of which was a life size representation of the manger scene. The second floor carried out the festive element of Christmas with the lighted Christmas tree and Santa Claus arriving in his sled pulled by several deer. The lovely decorations added profusely to the Christmas atmosphere. We are indebted to Doris Scott for her usual skillful decorations and suggestions. She was superb as always.

This Open House was a tremendous success, as the seven preceding ones have been. Many Brethren and their families took advantage of the opportunity to visit their Temple. Many of the ladies who came were enjoying their first visit to our new Temple, as we like to refer to it following completion of the program of renovations. The Banquet Hall, of course, was the scene of most of the activities, because it was here that a bountiful supply of refreshments was served from a beautifully decorated center table.

Perhaps the largest crowd to visit the Temple came around 4:00 P.M. because it was during this period that Santa Claus himself arrived and gave not only liberal attention to the children who were present in large numbers, but he also entertained the adults as well. Santa Claus, by all means, was the star attraction of the afternoon, and he contributed much towards making the occasion a tremendous success. There is no better Santa Claus than our own Neil Vester, who generously gives of his time and unique ability to this Christmas celebration.

And now we look forward to the approaching Reunion, April 11, 12 and 13, 1978. In carrying out our theme which has been observed for the last several Reunions, we have selected a theme which would point to the beginning year of our third century, and have accordingly given to the next Reunion the title of "The Outward Reach", signifying the opportunities of Freemasonry to extend its usefulness.

All of us in the office sincerely hope and pray that the New Year will bring to you the peace and happiness you so much desire and deserve.

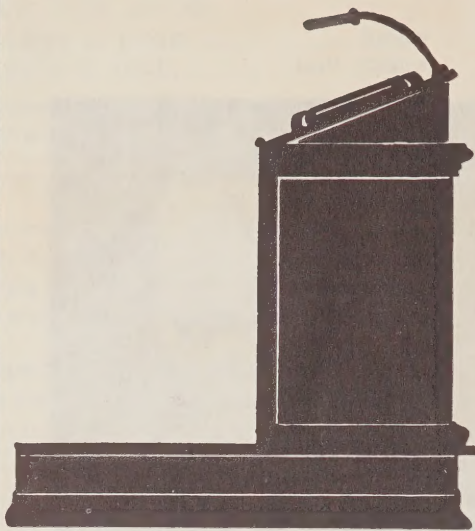


R. L. PUGH, 33°

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

R. L. Pugh

Robert L. Pugh, 33°
Secretary



From The Classroom



BY EDWARD P. BLAIR, 33° CLASS LECTURER

Walking Hand-in-Hand And Arm-in-Arm

Another fine receptive class has come to the mountaintops of our Masonic movement and gone back to their respective valleys below. Let us hope that each one of the initiates saw and heard enough examples of the Scottish Rite demonstrated from our stage to help them along the way. The truths that were illuminated from our stage should help them become not hearers only, but doers as well.

Many years ago I was standing on a street corner in Vanceboro, N. C., talking with a young Methodist preacher, Rev. Henry Lewis. I recall very vividly that he nudged my arm and said, "Ed, there goes one of the big reasons why I believe in Christianity." I looked up to see a saintly old lady across the street. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear someone say, "there goes one of the reasons why I believe in Scottish Rite Masonry?"

Our movement is livable because I know people who do live it, and it is lovable because I know those who do love it and ennoble and enrich it in their daily living. There is nothing in our movement that cannot be demonstrated and enunciated before God and man.

In our movement a brother walks hand-in-hand and arm-in-arm with the guiding principles of both Masonry and Christianity; indeed the two go together in perfect harmony. Some of our greatest advocates

are ministers, and many of our greatest ministers came from the mountaintops of Scottish Masonry.

Let each one of us rededicate ourselves anew and commence our journeys again into a world that sorely needs Scottish Masonry. For surely Scottish Masonry provides the road, but it is up to man to do the walking. May we walk in the light of those great principles which were revealed to us again at our recent re-union.

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New Scottish Rite Honor Men Inducted Into Office

The Supreme Council in October elected 13 of our members to receive the investiture of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and four of our members to receive the degree of Inspector General Honorary, or as it is popularly known, the Thirty-Third Degree.

All of these Brethren, in addition to about forty or more other members of our Court of Honour, traveled by bus and cars to Charlotte on Saturday, December 3rd, where at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon our K.C.C.H. designates were inducted officially into this phase of the Court of Honour.

At three o'clock in the afternoon our Thirty-Third degree designates were initiated into the degree of Inspector General honorary.

The investiture of K.C.C.H. ceremony was conducted by a degree team from Raleigh under the leadership of Brother Max Beam serving as Grand Commander. Both of these teams performed excellently for their presentation and are certainly to be congratulated.

After a reception for the Thirty-Third degree men from North and South Carolina by our Inspector General, Brother James Guy Johnston, 33°, all of our men later in the evening enjoyed a delicious dinner of chinese food at the "Mandala"

NEW YEAR

The New Year is here. Yet, with retrospect
I hold on to the past.
To let it go is oh, so hard
I wish the old could last.
The old was very good to me.
She gave me oh, so much,
Days and days of sunshine,
A loved one's gentle touch.

The new is here. It came too soon.
There are things I did not do,
Last year's resolutions —
It seems they all fell through
But then I know I cannot change
Nor keep the new away.
I also know I must accept
The new on New Year's Day.

J. Garland Metts, 32°

a delightful Chinese restaurant in Charlotte.

Following a very eventful evening of entertainment in Charlotte, the group returned to New Bern on Saturday all feeling that the trip had been most worthwhile and that our new members of the Court of Honour had been given an excellent induction into their new rank.

It might be said also that a new bus driver was used, making a change in a

practice long enjoyed by our Masonic Bodies in New Bern. For many years, Brother Dick Dixon was always selected as the driver to carry our people on any journey from New Bern. Following Dick's death, however, it became necessary to select a new driver and Brother Macon Toler, 32°, was selected for this purpose. The entire group gave him an expression of appreciation of his excellent services when they returned to New Bern.

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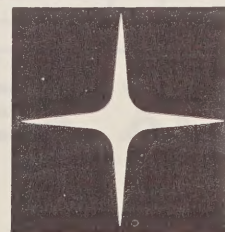
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He built a house; time laid it in the dust;
 He wrote a book; its title now forgot;
 He ruled a city, but his name is not
 On any tablet graven, or where rust
 Can gather from disuse, or marble bust.
 He took a child from a wretched cot,
 Who on the state dishonor might have brought,
 And reared him to the Christian's hope
 and trust.
 The boy, to manhood grown, became a light
 To many souls, and preached for human need
 The wondrous love of the Omnipotent.
 The work has multiplied like stars at night
 When darkness deepens; every noble deed
 Lasts longer than a granite monument.
 —Author unknown.

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Speaking in Quotes: There's no fool like an old fool - you can't beat experience.

In his autobiography Mark Twain concluded a tirade against a publisher, who had once swindled him outrageously, on a note of forgiveness.

"He has been dead a quarter of a century now," Twain wrote. "I feel only compassion for him, and if I could send him a fan I would."

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The trouble with some folks who give until it hurts is that they are so sensitive to pain.

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Don't try to make your guests feel at home. If they wanted to feel at home, they would have stayed there.

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Did you hear about the lawyer's daughter

who told her boyfriend, "Stop, and/or I'll slap your face"?

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Speaking With the Ladies: An officer in the South Pacific who had been overseas sixteen months received a letter from his wife telling about a prayer their four-year-old daughter made; "Dear Lord, please send me a baby brother so we will have something to surprise Daddy with when he gets home."

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Prospective employee: "Just why do you want a married man to work for you rather than a bachelor?"

Boss: "The married men don't get so upset if I yell at them."

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Line dispatcher: "Say, young lady, will you please show me some er-er black lace unmentionables?"

Cute salesgirl: "Surely, sir. Here are several lovely pieces. And it might be of interest to you to know that this is the only place you can touch these for anywhere near the price."

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A government census-taker was questioning an old-timer about his home town. "How many people live in this town?" he wanted to know.

"'Bout four thousand people and it's been that way for twenty-five years," was the reply.

"You mean to tell me," said the census-taker, "that there were four thousand people here twenty-five years ago and only

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four thousand now? Haven't any people moved in - any babies been born here?" "There sure have been babies born," cackled the old-timer. "Trouble is, that every time a baby is born, somebody leaves town."

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"Jack, wake up. There's a burglar in the kitchen and he's eating up the rest of the pie we had for dinner."

"Go back to sleep. I'll bury him in the morning."

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He: "Have you ever loved before?"

She: "No, John. I've often admired men for their looks, strength, courage, intelligence, or something like that. But with you, John, it's love - nothing else."

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Speaking In Jest: A newspaper was running a competition to discover the most high-principled, sober, well-behaved local citizen. Among the entries came one which read:

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"I don't smoke, touch intoxicants or

gamble. I am a faithful husband and never look at another woman. I am hard-working, quiet and obedient. I never go to the movies or the theater, and I go to bed early every night and rise with the dawn. I attend chapel regularly every Sunday without fail.

"I've been like this for the past three years. But just wait until next spring, when they let me out of here!"

* * *

A man who was a stranger in town was taken to a dance at a deaf and dumb hospital by a doctor friend of his.

"But how on earth can I ask a deaf and dumb girl to dance?" he asked.

"Just smile and bow to her," explained the doctor, who had done it before.

So the young man picked out a pretty girl, smiled and bowed to her, and away they danced. They danced not only one dance but three, and he was on the point of asking her for another dance when a strange man approached his fair partner and said lovingly: "Darling, when are we going to have another dance? It's been over an hour since I danced with you."

"I don't know, dear," said the girl tenderly. "I don't know how to get away from this deaf and dumb idiot!"

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A merchant tried for many months to collect an overdue bill, but with no success. Finally, he sent a tear-jerking let-

ter accompanied by a picture of his little daughter. Under it he wrote, "The reason I need the money."

By return mail came a photo of a voluptuous blonde in a bikini bathing suit. It was captioned, "The reason I can't pay."

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Being human, doctors are reluctant to make house calls where receipt of payment is doubtful. Under these circumstances a physician diagnosed a patient's illness on the phone. "There is nothing wrong with your uncle. I have examined him thoroughly and tell you he only thinks he's sick."

A week later the doctor met the patients nephew. "How's your uncle?" he asked.

"Worse," said the relative. "Now he thinks he's dead."

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Speaking From His Book: Whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. Matthew 5:22

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SOMETHING ELSE

Reynold Davenport, 33°

Mary Frances had a birthday back in October. She usually does. It's gotten so she had just as soon not, but she keeps right on - as do we all.

When our daughter became a teenager and suddenly acquired more knowledge - concerning all subjects - than Mary Frances and I could muster between us, it seemed like a right good idea to put some of this newly-blossomed intelligence to good use. We had quickly learned to sift through Ann's learned proclamations and protestations, retaining that which we valued and discarding that which promised little reward in the remembrance thereof. I had to admit, though, in one area Ann's knowledge was unimpeachable - she knew Mary Frances' sizes. She knew what size dress, or ring, or coat, Mary Frances wore. What size shoes and what size everything else. And she possessed



Reynold S. Davenport, 33°

that unerring talent, bestowed only upon the feminine gender, of knowing which colors matched which, what shapes went with what, and so on.

Oh, how I worked that youngun.

No longer did I slink into the women's areas of various stores and mumble foolishly to smirking salesladies. No longer did I buy dresses that hung to the floor, or puckered at the waist, or sagged at the shoulders. No longer did I buy shoes with heels too high or too low, or rings that didn't fit, or coats that didn't match. No longer did I approach each gift-giving occasion with fear and trepidation. I simply gave Ann some money and sent her forth to bedeck her Mama for me.

Few periods of my life have been as restful and as carefree as were those years when Ann served me thus.

But she did not remain a teenager. She went off to school, then to work, then to marry, and then to places far removed from North Carolina. And I went back to spending money for things Mary Frances didn't want, or didn't need, or couldn't use.

Like I said, Mary Frances had a birthday in October. Ann was off in North Dakota. Once again I felt that cold desparation accompanying me into every store, that helpless feeling in ladies wear and in jewelry stores, that sense of being inferior to the most stupid of salesladies. I looked at clothing, at furniture, at jewelry, at house wares, at every sort of thing. I bought Mary Frances a chain saw.

"You didn't!" exclaimed the girls in the office. I confessed it was true. "You know you didn't," protested all my friends. I confirmed my guilt. Nobody believed me.

It is a nice chain saw. It is electric and has a cord that reaches to each corner of our yard. It makes a real satisfying racket - sort of lets the neighbors know you haven't left town. It cuts just dandy, it will reduce a small tree to fire-place fuel in nothing flat. It is an attractive shade of red.

Mary Frances was delighted. She said so, at least. We went right out into the wooded area of our back yard and thinned out one whole tree. She hasn't used it since. She says she's going to, but she hasn't.

As I write this I am in deep meditation concerning her Christmas present. There was a recent sale on one-wheel trailers that tempted me, but I reluctantly passed it up. I kept my eye on an unusual looking coat in a local store window until I saw a hippie-type wearing one almost like it. I thought about a watch and that reminded me of the two extra ones she keeps in a dresser drawer. And she already has a chain saw.

Ann will be here for Chirstmas. I'll let her do it.



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GREETING THE NEW YEAR

Without the wave of the magic wand, a new year has dawned. From this day we shall write all our letters or see printed notices dated 1978 instead of 1977. There is no magic about this, and it doesn't need the assistance of any man to perform this change; it happens. The fact is, that at this particular stage of the journey we call life, we have arrived at another year's end. The old year has spent itself, and must make way for the new year. Surely, as we look back, all of us can thank God for something. Granted, things may not be as easy as we had hoped twelve months ago, but things have not been so bad that we cannot raise a song as the old year passes.

Now we have arrived at an interesting point of time. This must be for every thoughtful person a time of deep reflection, for we ought to be concerned how we spend our years. Then what can we show for another year of life? Are we better for having lived another year? Are we richer in faith, more resolute in our convictions and stronger in our devotions? Has 1977 opened up for us new channels of service? Have we advanced spiritually along the road of life? Yes, what can we show for another year of life?

I am afraid that some of us, reflecting upon our achievements during the past year, will feel like the old painter of Siena who, after standing a long time in meditation before his canvas, turned



Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, 32°, K.C.C.H.

away saying, "May God forgive me that I did not do better." That may be our feeling as we look back over the past year upon which we placed so much hope "May God forgive us that we did not live better lives and achieve better results." Each year should add not only another year to our life, it should add life to our years.

Well, what has last year added to our life, yours and mine? Can we, looking back, see a picture of glorious achievements or one of miserable failures? Life is meant to be victorious, is yours? If you could turn back the calendar to January 1, 1977 would you chart a different course? Would you make a few alterations or a few changes in your decisions? If so, then in what particular way would you make the changes?

Granted, very few will feel at all satisfied with our achievements, but now is

the chance, not only to resolve to do better and achieve more in 1978. We cannot go back and retrace our steps, for we cannot relive our past lives. The past is past. The past is irrevocable and unalterable, but we can do something with the future, with the new year. As we launch out into the coming year much will depend on us.

It's a gay old world when you're gay

And a glad old world when when you're glad,

But whether you play or must toil all day,

It's a sad old world when you're sad.

It's a grand old world if you're great

And a mean old world if you're small,

It's a world full of hate for the foolish who prate

Of the uselessness of it all.

It's a beautiful world to see

Or it's dismal in every zone,

The thing it will be, in its gloom or its glee,

Depends upon you alone.

The call comes for us to put our confidence in the Great Architect of the Universe in the coming year. We can leave the past to the historians, but we must write the future and make 1978 our special business. It is a new year for us all - a new road - and we can do with a friendly hand to guide us along the way. Let us affirm that this new road, 1978, need not be trodden by us alone, for we have a Companion who will lead us in a new way, by paths we have not known.

What is out there in 1978 matters little when we are sure that we may place our hands in the hands of one who guides and sustains the destinies of men. We can "follow our conductor and fear no danger." With him as our guide, we can greet the new year with good heart and a smile. Let us put our confidence in him and say "Lead on, I'll follow Thee."

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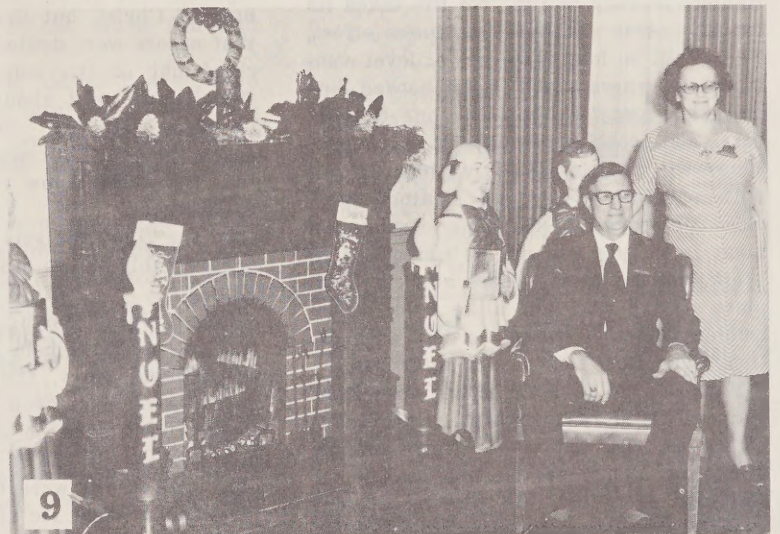
HIGHLIGHTS — SCOTTISH RITE C



1. He definitely has Santa's ear.
2. The faithful Shorty Kafer, 33°, assumed General Chairmanship in the absence because of illness, of Secretary Bob Pugh. Shorty is always there when needed and here he welcomes Santa in a most delightful way. Thanks to Shorty!
3. He's the reason for it all - dear, old Santa. We won't reveal his name, but he's one of the best Scottish Rite Masons ever and a Thirty-Third Degree.

4. A beautiful tree and a beautiful ornament, Daphne Pope, wife of M. B. Pope, III, our official photographer and faithful helper always.
5. It takes some time to learn how good Santa can be and sometimes, until we reach that stage - we can become fearful.
6. How in the world can Santa come down this chimney?
7. Santa has arrived and tries to listen to all.

CHRISTMAS PARTY — DEC. 18, 1977



8. The registration table where approximately 500 guests, the largest ever, registered.
9. The Barney Opphiles waiting for Santa - after all, Santa is for all ages.
10. The center table - the most popular spot of all.
11. A beautiful Manger Scene - the first floor of the Temple was devoted to the religious theme of Christmas and the second floor was for the festive.

12. They came from everywhere: here the Frank Smiths from Jacksonville and the Mark Stamps from Havelock. Could the other one be Jesse Vail from Jacksonville?
13. Two of our hardest working ladies: Lois Pugh, Worth Matron Craven Chapter No. 129 and Doris Scott, a great chairman of decorations and practically everything else when good help is needed.



Albert Pike Scottish Rite Club

As we think about the election of new officers to guide us through another year, we naturally think about what faces us in our prospective journey in this continuous journey of life. No life takes its fitting course without continuous effort. There will be long stretches of level commonplace where speed is not needed, but 'plugging away' is, and the one duty is persistent continuousness in a course. There will be crises when we have to run with panting breath and strained muscles. But whether the task of the moment is to 'run and not be weary,' or to 'walk and not faint', crises and commonplace stretches of land alike require continuous effort, if we are to 'run with patience the race that is set before us.

We ask God to let a little more light shine on the dark unknown that stretches before us. Do not waste your time in dreaming about, or peering into, what you can never see, but fill the present with strenuous service.

But we do not travel this journey alone. No man travels the road of life by him-

self - at least that is true from the Christian and Masonic perspective. Scripture tells us that Jesus "chose them that they might be with Him." (Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, behold, we go up to Jerusalem) Luke 18:31.

Frequently we talk about the loneliness of Christ, but that is not to imply that others were denied access to Him or ruled out of His companionship. Occasionally we read about His going away to be by Himself - "to withdraw to a desert place" - but we dare not believe that He placed a low value on fellowship with others.

In the final analysis to think of Jesus is invariably to see other persons around Him.

Recall Jesus' birth. He remains central in the Bethlehem scene but we also see Joseph, Mary, the innkeeper, shepherds, wise men, even the wicked King. Recall that in those early days of His ministry He called this disciple, then that one, until there were twelve. Recall the Crucifixion. Was He alone on the Cross? No, there were thieves on either side and a beloved disciple and a precious mother at His feet. Recall the Ascension. Even His leave-taking from this earth was in

the presence of cherished friends.

The very Christ of God, unique as He was, is remembered to this day because there were those who kept company with Him.

No man, from the Christian or Masonic perspective, travels the road of life alone. And we need to learn so well the meaning from this page in the life of our blessed Lord.

First, it reminds us of a need that is met by the fellowship we share as we travel together. In the company of others we gain the benefit of the cross-fertilization of mind and spirit. Is there not that holy reference to the fact that God setteth the solitary in families?" In His plan for us it is declared that "it is not good for man to be alone." In His presence and under His guidance so frequently the disciples balanced out their strengths and weaknesses. And always He drew out their better side.

Second, the example of Jesus makes plain to us that we assume a responsibility for those whose lives we touch. God holds us accountable for the way we chart the course that others take as they follow after us - whether we are aware of their marking the path that we have taken or not.

Third, there is no end to the good that comes when we affect another's life in Christ's name. Notice how Christ dealt with the disciples who benefited from His transforming relationship. They in turn allowed their influence to become

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operative in the lives of other persons.

Each of us today, no matter what his station in life, is largely the result of the influence of others - according to the way we have accepted or rejected that influence. It can be as awesome - as wonderful as all that.

Christians and Masons are meant to walk so closely in the company of God and His son Jesus that His shadow will be cast upon others; and that in itself makes life worth living.

If we walk with our hand in the hand of the "Great Architect of the Universe", we will never walk alone, and 1978 will be full of joy with His countenance.

Wilmer C. Chesson

Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club

The Beaufort County Scottish Rite Club held their Christmas Party Sunday, December 4th, at the Washington Masonic Lodge. This was a covered-dish dinner, with 49 members and guests attending. Robert Mohler, George Gillespie, Jimmie Saleeby, Herman Jones and Ashley Leggett with their wives served as host for the occasion.

The tables were decorated with greenery, red berries and pine cones. In one section of the dining hall was placed a table with a beautiful decorated Christmas tree. Upon arrival, each person placed their gifts around the tree.

In the absence of the President, Vice-President Herman Jones presided. The meeting was opened with the singing of several Christmas carols, led by Ashley Leggett, and Hugh Phillips accompanist.

President Jones welcomed the group and Rev. Ray Alexander gave the invoca-

tion. Thelma Trueblood was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Ashley and Grace Leggett.

A buffet dinner of a variety of home prepared food that would have proudly graced the table of an exclusive hotel of Las Vegas was quickly consumed by those present.

After dinner each person was given a number with a corresponding number being placed in a box. As a number was drawn from the box the person holding that number came forward to the center of the group and was presented a gift. These "Gag Gifts" were all beautifully wrapped, but the actual gift was something ridiculous which caused much laughter. It was noted that Harman Davis received a partially used roll of toilet tissue, William Roebuck received a safety pin and Vance Smith's gift was a wooden clothes pin. The opening of the gifts one at the time and displaying the very unusual contents provided much fun and laughter.

At the conclusion, Ashley Leggett read a humorous poem entitled, The Golden Christmas Tree. Leggett then led the group with singing the carol, "Silent Night".

President Jones announced that due to New Years Day falling on Sunday, which would be our regular scheduled meeting, our next meeting would be held Sunday, January 8, 1978. This will be a charcoaled steak cook-out and will be held at the Washington Masonic Lodge on W. 5th St. He also announced that the installation of the incoming officers for 1978 will be held. The installation will be made by an official of the New Bern Scottish Rite Bodies.

President Jones extended cordialities to

the guest and pianist and extended good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all. Rev. Ray Alexander gave the benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Ashley G. Leggett, K.C.C.H.

Infant Club Organized In Cumberland

Heretofore Scottish Rite activities in Cumberland County have been confined to a small club. There was a desire, however, on the part of many Scottish Rite Masons who were not active in this club to enlarge it to the extent that Scottish Rite philosophy might be made available to all Scottish Rite Masons in the county regardless of their affiliation with Wilmington or with New Bern. Thus, such programs as Maundy Thursday and Easter morning could be conducted in a way in which all could participate.

NOTE

The Cumberland County Scottish Rite Club annual business meeting, including election and installation of officers, will be held Saturday, 7:30 P.M., January 21, 1978, in the dining room, Masonic Center, 2860 Village Drive, Fayetteville, N. C.

Accordingly, the first Social Meeting of this new Cumberland County Scottish Rite Club was held in the Dining Room of the Masonic Center, 2860 Village Drive, Fayetteville, North Carolina, 7:35 P.M., October 29, 1977 with Bro. President Harold B. Fisher, 32°, K.C.C.H. presiding. Bro. William S. Hinton, 32°, led the Allegiance to the Flag and Bro. Rev. Allen C.

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Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H. gave the Invocation.

President Fisher welcomed all members and guests. Recognition was given to Bro. Past Potentate David C. Smith, 32°, and Bro. William B. Bellois, 33°, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of North Carolina and representative from the Wilmington Consistory. (Bro. C. Neil Vester, 33°, representative from New Bern Consistory was not introduced at this time for reason he was Speaker later on the Program.)

Bro. Bellois, 33°, announced the Supreme Council, Southern Jurisdiction, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite U.S.A. election of Bro. James H. Horne, 32°, K.C.C.H. to receive the thirty-third degree honorary. All present heartily applauded and extended their best wishes.

President Fisher explained the absence of Bro. First Vice-President Harry M. Sherman, 32°, due to his being Secretary of the North Carolina-Virginia States White Shrine Club which met on the same evening.

President Fisher informed the Brethren of the Officer's official visits to the Wilmington and New Bern Consistories and

the general details discussed with the respective Secretaries: Bro. Secretary Louis Shrier, 33°, accompanied by Bro. William B. Bellois, 33°, at the Wilmington Consistory; and Bro. Secretary Robert L. Pugh, 33°, accompanied by Bro. Nelson B. Banks, 33°, Recorder Sudan Temple at the New Bern Consistory.

President Fisher announced the objectives of the Club:

a. Assemble all Scottish Rite Brethren for Social Meetings and good Scottish Rite Fellowship.

b. Provide Maundy Thursday and Easter Ceremonies equivalent to attending Rose Croix Chapter Ceremonies at the Consistories.

c. Encourage all Scottish Rite Brethren in the Cumberland County Area to attend the Club Meetings; join the Club; transfer their memberships in to the local Consistory of their choice; support the

Scottish Rite Club Activities.

d. Keep the Scottish Rite Brethren interested in the Scottish Rite.

e. Have something for the new Scottish Rite member after he has taken his Scottish Rite Degrees.

President Fisher asked Bro. Second Vice-President James Hay, 32°, to outline the Club's Program for the Brethren. Bro. Hay gave each member and guest a copy of the announcement of the next meeting which will be the Annual Business Meeting, January 21, 1978. The Speaker will be Bro. William B. Bellois, 33°, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of North Carolina. Bro. Hay explained the plans for the Maundy Thursday and Easter Ceremonies and plans for a Social Meeting during the summer of 1978.

President Fisher explained that Bro. Nelson B. Banks, 33°, Recorder of Su-

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dan Temple and Junior Grand Deacon, Grand Lodge A.F.&A.M. of North Carolina had been engaged to be our Speaker but was unable to keep the appointment and had arranged for Bro. C. Neil Vester, 33°, representative from the New Bern Consistory and Master of Ceremonies, Sudan Temple to be our Speaker. He then welcomed and introduced Bro. Vester.

Bro. Vester, 33°, delivered a very interesting and inspirational address which was well received by the members and guests in attendance.

President Fisher presented an Honorary Club Membership to Bro. Vester and invited him to return to visit the Club Meetings whenever possible for him to do so.

President Fisher thanked Bro. Max E. Nance, 32°, Public Relations Representative, Sudan Temple for bringing his camera and taking pictures for the record.

President Fisher announced the Ladies of the Cape Fear Shrine No. 8, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem had prepared and had ready their refreshments which they would serve immediately after the Benediction. He thanked the Ladies for their efforts and praised their assist-

ance to make this Meeting successful.

President Fisher thanked Bro. Rev. Allen C. Edens, Jr., 32°, K.C.C.H. for his noble service of offering the Invocation and later the Benediction at this Meeting. Following the Benediction, the Meeting was adjourned.

After the adjournment, the Brethren met for fellowship and delicious sandwiches, cake and coffee prepared and served by the Ladies of the White Shrine of Jerusalem.

Sincerely and fraternally,
William S. Hinton, 32°, Secretary

East Carteret Scottish Rite Club

The East Carteret Scottish Rite Club held their monthly meeting at 9:00 P.M. December 5, 1977, in the Franklin Lodge 109 A.F.&A.M. building, Beaufort, N. C. The meeting was called to order by the President Bro. Tom Carraway, 32°. Invocation by Bro. Bert Conner, 32°. There were three officers and twenty-two members present.

Bro. Otis Jefferson who had just re-

turned from Charlotte where he received the Knight Commander Court of Honour degree and Bro. Donald Williams who received the 32° at our Fall Reunion gave us a short report on their travels.

This being Christmas season, plans for activities were put off until after the first of the year. After the benediction by Bro. Robert Safrit, 33°, we adjourned for refreshments.

Fraternally,
Harry V. Willis, 32°, K.C.C.H.
Secretary-Treasurer

Grifton Scottish Rite Club

On Monday evening, November 14, 1977, Grifton Scottish Rite Club had a delightful gathering of 20 Brethren, including two candidates for the degrees who plan to attend the current reunion in New Bern.

Brother M. C. Batten, 32°, gave the invocation, following which charcoal broiled steaks, with all the trimmings, were enjoyed by all. After eating, Brother J. C. Koon, 32°, our President, called the

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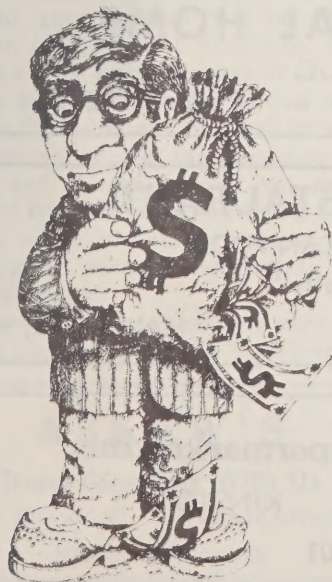
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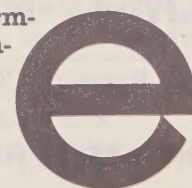
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meeting to order. He introduced two Brethren of Grifton Lodge, Gary Johnson and Broedus J. Moore, who plan to go to New Bern for the current reunion. We hope to welcome them back as members of the Club and 32° Masons next meeting.

Brother Bruce Cannon, 32°, D.D.G.M. of this District, gave a brief talk covering the degrees from EA to MM in the Symbolic Lodge and then on to the Scottish Rite degrees. He called attention to an article from the "New Age" for October, giving a brief history of this Rite. Emphasis is placed on the importance of continuing loyalty to the Symbolic Lodge and attendance to its meetings. All members present were urged to attend as many of the degrees as possible at the coming Scottish Rite Reunion.

It was announced that plans are being made to visit the orphanage at Oxford on Sunday, December 11, 1977. A bus will be chartered if enough interest is shown. Ladies night for our Club will be held on Monday, December 12, 1977, at the VFW Hut.

Brother Batten gave the benediction, following which the meeting adjourned.

Howard O. Reynolds, Jr., 32°
Scribe

Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club

The Havelock-Cherry Point Scottish Rite Club met at the Masonic Lodge, 110 Oakwood Drive, for the purpose of electing officers for 1978 and to re-affirm the date of our annual Christmas Dinner party.

The following officers were elected:

President Robert Emerson, 32°
Vice-President Ervin D. Zenski, 32°
Treasurer James L. Smith, 32°

Secretary Mark D. Stamps, 32°, KCCH

The date for our dinner party was scheduled for Dec. 16 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. It is to be held at the Masonic Lodge dining room. Barbeque with all the trimmings will be served. Brother Charles Potter, 33°, of New Bern will be our guest speaker and the new officers will be installed at this meeting. We expect 50 to 60 to be present. 21 members have already paid their dues for 1978 so we are looking for a good Scottish Rite year.

Mark D. Stamps, 32°, KCCH
Secretary

Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club

The Lenoir County Scottish Rite Club, met on this date, Nov. 11, 1977 at Kings. The invocation was by Bro. Ralph Dudley. A delicious family style meal was enjoyed by all present. After dinner a letter from the temple was read thanking our club for our contribution to the Asphasia program. We also had a new member join us, Bro. Elwood Jarman. Our club's new K.C.C.H. member was recognized. The forthcoming reunion was discussed. We will have a few candidates to go down and take the Degrees, at the Nov. reunion.

A meeting was called for January 1978, to be announced later. We had a discussion on how to get new members for the club, and some candidates for reunions. All present had some good ideas, and we will be working for that goal. There not being anything to come before the club the meeting adjourned, and Bro. Bill Leggett dismissed us.

Marvin Kornegay, Secretary

New Bern Scottish Rite Club

The New Bern Scottish Rite Club held its regular meeting on Monday night, December 12, 1977, at 7:30 P.M., with 25 members in attendance. President Neil Vester presided.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Brother Charles F. Dickinson.

The following newly elected officers of the New Bern Scottish Rite Club were duly installed by P.G.M. S. Frank Noble, Jr., serving as installing officer: William C. Kellum, President; Marion D. Opphile, Vice-President; Clifford W. Heath, Secretary-Treasurer.

The success of the last Scottish Rite Reunion was discussed. Brother Marion Opphile thanked the members for their cooperation and assistance in the robing room during the Reunion.

P.G.M. S. F. Noble, Jr., reminded members of the Open House at the Scottish Rite Temple on Sunday, December 18th from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

A financial report was given and dues collected.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with a prayer by Brother L. T. Barrington.

Respectfully submitted,
Clifford W. Heath, Secretary

Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club

The Onslow-Lejeune Scottish Rite Club met at Fishermans Wharf on Monday November 28, 1977 with 63 members and guests present.

The invocation was given by Brother Royden Caulk, Jr., after which a deli-

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cious seafood dinner was enjoyed by all present.

After the meal, Club President, James Brulet reported on the recent reunion. He reported that Onslow County had 33 candidates at the Fall Reunion and that this was a record number of candidates for any county in the history of the valley of New Bern. He congratulated everyone who had any part in making this possible. Several of the new Scottish Rite Masons were present, and were introduced by Brother Brulet. Brother Jesse Vail, our newest 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, was recognized and spoke briefly.

Brother Brulet presented Ambassador certificates to Brothers Jack Drummond and Bob Endicott and urged them to continue the good work that they have been doing. The members of the club voted to contribute the remaining funds in the treasury to the Masonic & Eastern Star Home and Oxford Orphanage.

The club proceeded to elect officers for the year 1978 with the results as follows: President, Elmer King; Vice-President, David R. Brewington; Secretary-Treasurer, Morris E. Jones; and Chaplain, Alvin F. Butters.

The President announced that the next meeting would be held on the fifth Monday in January, and that notices would be sent concerning time and place, prior to the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by a prayer given by Brother Alvin Butters, Chaplain.

Morris E. Jones, Secretary

Swansboro Scottish Rite Club

At the monthly meeting on Dec. 2, 1977 President Brother Nicholas Grdinic opened the meeting and the invocation was given by Brother David Short, Master of our Blue Lodge, Seaside 429. After a delicious meal provided by our great ladies the guest speaker was introduced. Brother Joe Taylor of Richlands, N. C., who is a very active member of his community delighted us with a moving speech entitled "Time of our Fathers" in which we were reminded of the days past when honor and obligation were not only a Masonic trait but a way of living for all human beings, and that we should strive to bring our communities back to those days and ways.

At this meeting new officers were elected and installed, officers for 1978 are:

President, Conrado G. Garcia, Hubert, N. C.; Vice-President, Julius E. Sanders, Swansboro, N. C.; Secretary, Leland L. Chapman, Swansboro, N. C.; and Treasurer, David Guthrie, Swansboro, N. C.

The meeting at which there were approximately 55 members and their ladies and Masonic widows was then closed by the new President with an invitation for the next meeting on January 6, 1978. A closing prayer was given by Brother David Short.

Fraternally,
Conrado G. Garcia, Secretary

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John P. Gore	4
Charles G. Harrill, Sr.	4
C. F. Dickinson	3
James A. Rouse	3
Returns from other reunions	3
Brewster Turner	3
Billy Albritton	2
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East Carteret Scottish Rite Club	2
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